

## **BOARD MEETING**

January 11, 2001

PSC Board Room

The board meeting was called to order by Doug Johnson, board chair. Board members who attended were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Maryjane arrived at 9:30. ESPB associates present were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors at the meeting were Roman Weiler, representative from the private schools, Gary Gronberg from DPI, Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office and Linda Edwards and Joe Westby from NDEA.

Board members absent were Randy Gordon and Don Haugen.

Congratulations were extended to Laura on being elected to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield board.

Doug asked for additions to the agenda. Janet indicated that there would be one additional board case, Chris Shaffer.

The December board minutes were reviewed. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jack seconded. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

The December financial report was not available, due to workload increase of license applications. A motion was made by Laura to approve the November financial report. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Deb reported on the progress on the special education and other ongoing standards revisions. It has been recommended that we look into adopting the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) standards in our ND format. The PAAC will discuss this at their February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Deb also reported on her Jamestown meeting regarding bilingual/ESL education.

Discussion was held on reviewing the course outline for the ND Native American studies requirement. This will be placed on the PAAC agenda, with their recommendations being brought to the board at the February meeting.

Two additional teacher center regions are interested in the Professional Development Guidelines Assessment training this spring.

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Deb gave a summary of her risk management information. It was suggested a medical authorization form be placed in ESPB office personnel file regarding the employee's choice of a medical physician due to risk management/workers comp criteria.

Due to title II reporting of Higher Education requirements of the Higher Education Act, Janet asked for board approval on terms/definitions of the following: **teacher preparation program, program completer, waiver, alternative routes to licensure, academic year, low-performing program and at-risk teacher preparation program** (see attachment). A motion was made by Bev to approve the terms/definitions. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. The terms/definitions will be taken to PAAC for develop the criteria, procedures and process for determining benchmark data from which "at risk" and "low performing" institutions will be identified.

Once again, discussion was held on raising the board stipend to that of what other professional boards are receiving.

Janet informed the board that she asked for \$73,000 for incentives of the National Board for Professional Standards via testimony to the Legislative Assembly. ESPB has requested \$2,450 from DPI for reimbursement for National Board for Professional Standards.

The board reviewed the tracking list of current legislation. Janet will notify board members via the list serve and fax when members should be contacting their legislators. Janet mentioned that the Education Committee consists mostly of the same individuals who served during the last legislative session.

The meeting continued the with various board member reports. Doug indicated that he has nominated Amy Benz to serve on the AMLEND (for the southwest region). Elementary Principal group and the ND Nursing Association will be supporting legislation to place nurses back into the school settings.

Gary Gronberg informed the board of the teacher definition, involving the \$3500 teacher increase. Under this definition, a group of educators will be excluded from this pay. Examples of educators who would be exempt would be those educators who hold titles such as directors, coordinators, supervisors, assistants, speech path, etc. Unfortunately, the \$3500 salary increase is also tied to foundation aid payments.

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## **CASES**

### **Daryl Brahos**

A motion was made by Mike to issue a two-year, initial license. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Brahos' application was brought before the board due to his background check.

### **Ebe Fornes**

Maryjane made a motion to issue a five-year license. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board member voting yes Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Fornes' license renewal was before the board due to a criminal offense.

### **Richard Godsil**

A motion was made by Maryjane to grant an initial, two-year license. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Godsil's license application needed board action to due to his background check.

### **Toni Miller**

Jack made a motion to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Ms. Miller's license request was before the board due to her background check.

### **Audrey Dahn timers**

After reviewing the clinical psychologist's evaluation and discussion by the board, Maryjane made a motion to dismiss the request for inquiry. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. While holding an educator's license, Ms. Dahner's committed a crime.

### **Brian Sennett**

The board informed legal council to continue the process by serving Mr. Sennett with the proper legal papers to have his license revoked.

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**Linda Johnson**

**Based on NDCC 15-36-11, Section 67.1-02-02-04**, a motion was made by Bev to deny Ms. Johnson's request for another, probationary license. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Once Ms. Johnson has obtained the hours to renew her license, she can reapply at any time. Ms. Johnson received a two-year, probationary license in 1998. Her current license will expire on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

**CASE ADDITION**

**Christopher Shaffer**

Jack made the motion to issue Mr. Shaffer an initial, two-year license. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Shaffer's license request was before the board because of a criminal offense.

**Brian Wardner (FYI)**

Janet informed the board there would be information provided at the February board meeting.

**PENDING CASES**

**Ray Aucker**

**Brent Borchert,**

**Denise Dawson,**

**Grafton Public Schools,**


**James Kendal,**

**Robert Salveson (administrative)**

**Harvey Wolf**

**Alan Worrel.**

The board meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, afternoon, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday morning, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

  
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